CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 3

Lower School

Reading

Curriculum: Literature and skills-based

Novels: *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and *The Sign of the Beaver*

Comprehension Strategies: Main Idea, Making Connections, Visualization

Math

Curriculum: Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 3
Advanced Levels: Math 54 or Math 65

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level for his/her current ability.

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based Science Program

Content: Animal Classifications; Senses; Vertebrate and Invertebrate Classification; Chemistry; Cell theory; Plants; States of Matter; Magnetism; Electricity

Science Fair: Each student picks an animal, writes a research report, and creates a visual display.

Social Studies

Curriculum: Story of The World, The Middle Ages

Content: Byzantine Empire, Islam, Knights and Samurai Crusades, Mongols, Wars of the Roses, Renaissance, Reformation

Writing

Curriculum: Writers Workshop and Six Traits

Content: Research, Writing Fables, Creative Writing, Poetry Writing, Editing and Publishing

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

Content: Adjectives, Regular and irregular verbs, Adverbs, Subject, Predicates, Pronouns, Possessive nouns, Helping verbs, Direct and indirect objects, Transitive verbs, Double negatives

Bible

Curriculum: Walk Through the Bible

Content: Gospels and the Early Church including: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts; Memorize books of the Bible

Specialists

Latin
Computer Programming plus keyboarding
Art
Physical Education
Music including Recorder
Science Lab
Library: Information Literacy

Field Trips

Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
Reptile Zoo
Seattle Aquarium
Washington Arboretum
Seattle Children's Theater
Insects Safari Man

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Art Docent
Big/Little Buddies
Science Fair
Medieval Fair
Christmas at Bear Creek
Easter Chapel
Mothers Tea
Authors & Artists